

remaining Stock of Courage, to keep from off the bed, during
the day - I am excessively feeble, & some days hardly able
to walk without difficulty - The Doctor says he does not
yet despair of me, but admits that he is disappointed
at my continued prostration - He now thinks that there
is some derangement in my liver! for which he has
been giving me powerful medicines to my great annoy-
ance - Thus much of my poor Self & now to your valuable
letter before me -

Gentiana achronica - I shall look at carefully - I have
not yet unpacked what you gave me - The specⁿ from the
garden is, I remember, in seed only - There is, what purports
to be G. achronica amongst the Jeyes' plants, which must
be examined -

And now of the Book - I like the plan very much, but
am only fearful that you cannot have time enough to
produce it in a state worthy of your present name & standing.
The details & Endogams have got to be studied, & in the
glumacee there is a vast deal of entangled Syn. to be
cleared up - As to my proposed Cooperation, independ-
ently of any small service it might be to you, it would
afford me much pleasure, in other respects - I should
like to be working with you, & Oakes too, if he is to take
a part - But the thing is impossible - My future Partner
is getting very impatient to have me at Buff. & I have
only just succeeded in quieting him for a few weeks, by
representing to him the inferior state of my health - About
4 weeks hence, if I am able, I must go to him, & shall spend

If ~~leisure~~ ^{time} permitted I would come on to you, with much
pleasure, as I have no books now, & shall have to work
in your study, unless I could borrow them from the Lyceum
library here. - However, the thing, as you see, is impracticable.
I will mention, whenever I write, whatever quiddities strike
me, in connexion with this Book, as Memoranda, when the
time comes - to begin, there is the little set of Polygala to
set straight - W. Cardamine teres (on Lake Champlain) the Carox
I spoke of in C. laxiflora as it occurs in N. J. & will be a new
one, I think ^{also your sp. of C. conidea - cf. panicul.} in your Collectⁿ is a scrap of Quercus Pennsylv.
from Herb. Schreb. as the bin. pl. - If that is authority we get rid
of one Spec^s as I doubt not it is identical with Q. flavescens,
I know not which is the older name, I hope the latter, as it w^d.
be awkward to have the Europⁿ plant (rarely found here)
called Q. pens^a! Work up my handsome Polygonum
from Bell. Falls Mountⁿ N. H. - There is a Swamp
full of it there - It is a fine tall Spec^s 4 - 6 ft. high
with nodding Spikes like P. orientale, but the colour
of the flower is less bright - look at some mem^m. I shall
make in your herb. under Poa modesta - Luch. - I would
keep those water grapes in Glyceria, & for myself, should
incline to keep Eragrostis distinct from the true Poa
or, at any rate, as a marked section - Festuca merges
in Bromus, as much as Eragrostis in Poa - no justice -
I do not like the plan of having the Bk. bound up with the
text book - It should be thin as possible, for the pocket - In the
photo, we only want a reference - I would rather have the thinness
paper, (to be strong) & the book with small margin bound
with Luch or Clasp, for the pocket, with a sort of pocket
to put tickets of paper, & if you like a hole for a pencil - This
would make a real "working-man's" book - I had my Latin
Smith's Compend^m bound so, in England, & found it very handy indeed -

I find my letter has run out to a great length, but I have not a word, requiring your attention - In the letter rec^d. from Chapman from which I quoted a paragraph to you, he requests me to forward to him a certain "Box of Euraspⁿ plants left with Wiley & Putnam's nearly a year ago, by Dr. Gray" (refraining Expt. &c. Now "Oily" after several days spent in research says he finds no such box! Can you therefore describe it, in any way, so as to give us a clue to it? I wish to send it to Chapman, if possible, or he may think I am indifferent which, after his friendly attention to my wants, would grieve me much - I have a very kind (short) letter from Engelmann - He said that W. Sp. made a mistake as to the Seyer plants, & he instructed them to sell them for \$6 & I took one, accordingly - There are some mistakes, in the plants, which I have submitted to Engelmann. He says, "I shall be happy if you will permit me to assist you with what Duplicates I can spare in the formation of at least the beginning of new botanical Collectⁿ. I intend to select in the next few months (better than 2 or 3 yrs!) a set of our Western plants, & of those Texan plants of which I have Dup^s, & which are not contained in No. 19 of Sinsheimer's Collectⁿ & send them to you" - When you see or write Mr. Olney, tell him I duly received, & thank him for his letter, & have addressed his friend Dr. Vasey, as he suggested - I have just room further to trouble you with my kind regards to "my Lord High Greer" & to Oakes if you are meeting him, & for the rest, believe me

Very truly, &c. obliged friend
J. P. Carey

If you are busy only send me
2 or 3 lines to direct our friend "Oily" in his search -

I am afraid it will be some 10 or 12 days yet before I send back your treasures - it is a long job, getting what Sp. &c. together, & I work very feebly & slow